

ANS NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



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NINE ELECTED FELLOWS

Nine Fellows of the Society were elected by the Council at its October 9 meeting bringing to 154 the current number of voting members of the Society. Nominations were reviewed and presented to the Council by the Society's Executive Committee.

Those elected as Fellows included Aubrey Bebee, a professional numismatist residing in Omaha, Nebraska. He has been an Associate member of the Society since 1943, shortly after he entered the coin business in Chicago. The firm was moved to Omaha in 1952. Mr. Bebee is a founding member of the Professional Numismatists Guild.

Dora de Pedery-Hunt of Toronto is a sculptor and undoubtedly the leading medalist in Canada today. She exhibited this year at Pennsylvania State University in her own show. A representative selection of Mrs. de Pedery-Hunt's work is published in the book, *Medals—Dora de Pedery-Hunt* with photographs by Elizabeth Frey.

Richard Hilt, a trucking company executive from Omaha, has been a member of the Society since 1978. His collecting interests focus on early U.S. as is reflected in the book he authored *Die Varieties of Early U.S. Coins*.

Abe Kosoff of Palm Springs, California has been an Associate of the Society since 1941 and was the founding President of the Professional Numismatists Guild in 1954. His numismatic career began in 1929; in 1940 he opened Numismatic Gallery in New York and in 1948 established a west coast branch where his business is now centered. Over the past 50 years he has been a frequent contributor to coin hobby periodicals and newspapers as well as to books such as the ANA grading standards guide which he co-edited with Kenneth Bressett.

Jonathan Rosen, an attorney in New York, has been a member of the Society

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ANS Anniversary Medal by Jovine

The American Numismatic Society has chosen a design by sculptor Marcel Jovine as the basis for the medal to be issued in 1983 to commemorate our 125th anniversary. The design of Jovine was chosen from among those submitted by seven prominent sculptors who had been invited by the Society to compete. The selection bears a commission of \$3,500 to Mr. Jovine and an honorarium of \$250 to each of the other competitors.

In announcing the Society's choice, President Harry W. Bass, Jr., explained "We feel that of the designs submitted this best exemplifies the historic concerns and activities of the American Numismatic Society. In addition to being an eye-catching and original composition, this piece communicates our interest in the entire scope of world coinage." On the obverse is a man striking a coin by hammer, in the method used for over two millennia. In the background are representations of coins from the Society's unparalleled collection. The reverse depicts more

modern techniques of coinage, including the screw press and the pantograph machine for reduction of designs onto dies. Mr. Bass observed that "this is an exciting design which will allow all people interested in numismatics to share in the anniversary."

Marcel Jovine is a prominent sculptor and medalist, who has many well-known medals to his name. Among these are the Official Lake Placid Winter Olympic Commemorative Medallion and a series of calendar medals issued annually by the Medallic Art Company. He is a member of the National Sculpture Society and a winner of its coveted Lindsay Morris Memorial Prize for bas relief sculpture. Another aspect of Mr. Jovine's sculpture has been his recent series of statues of important thoroughbred horses. A native of Turin, Italy, Mr. Jovine now resides and has his studio in Closter, New Jersey.

The other sculptors who participated in the competition were Frank Eliscu, Edward Grove, Julian Harris, Michael

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ANS 1983 GRADUATE SEMINAR FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS INVITED

Applications are now being accepted for the 50th annual Graduate Seminar in Numismatics to be held at the Society June 11-August 13, 1983. Ten grants in aid, carrying stipends of \$900, will be made to students of high competence who will have completed at least one year's graduate study in Classics, Archaeology, History, Art History, Economic History, or other related disciplines. Areas of study may include the ancient Mediterranean, the ancient Near East, medieval Europe, Latin America, the Islamic world, South Asia, or East Asia. Applications will be accepted also from junior university or college instructors with a degree in one of these fields. Attendance at the seminar is restricted to graduate students and junior faculty members at institutions in the United States and Canada.

The Seminar program includes lectures and conferences conducted by specialists in various fields, with emphasis on numismatic methodology. Students employ the resources of the museum's cabinets and library, and prepare papers for oral delivery and written submission during the ninth week.

William E. Metcalf, Chief Curator of the Society, is in charge of the Seminar program, and the entire curatorial staff as well as instructors from this country and abroad will participate. Dr. Wolfgang Hahn, Universität-Dozent in the University of Vienna, will be in residence during the Seminar.

Graduate Fellowship

In addition the Society is accepting applications for its Fellowship of \$3,500 for the academic year 1983-4. The award is open to university graduate students in the fields of the humanities or social sciences who will have completed the general examinations (or the equivalent) for the doctorate, will be writing a dissertation during the academic year 1983-4 on a topic in which the use of numismatic evidence plays a significant part, and will have attended one of the Society's Graduate Seminars prior to the time of application.

The deadline for completed applications for both the Seminar and Fellowship is March 1, 1983. Awards will be announced no later than April 1.

Amendments Increase Dues, Limit Publications

Fellows of the Society present at the Fall Members Meeting voted unanimously to increase membership dues by \$5 per year starting in 1983. This decision, which amends Articles II.2 and II.3 of the Society's By Laws, represents the first dues change since 1971, a period during which operating and publication expenses have risen dramatically.

As amended, the articles now read:

II.2 The annual dues of Fellows shall be Thirty Dollars.

II.3 The annual dues of Associate members shall be Twenty Dollars.

In a related action, the members present voted to confirm the decision of the Council to amend Article I.7 of the By Laws which lists the publications of the Society issued as a perquisite of membership. The effect of this amendment is to limit publications issued for payment of dues to the Society's annual journal, *Museum Notes*, together with the *ANSNewsletter* and the *Annual Report*. The semiannual bibliography, *Numismatic Literature*, as well as books appearing in the *Numismatic Notes and Monographs* series will no longer be distributed free to all members.

These amendments were proposed and accepted as the most equitable solution to the Society's needs for additional dues revenue and a reduction in the net expense of producing and distributing publications.

Publications Subscription

Article I.7, as amended, also provides that "All members shall be entitled to subscribe to additional Society publication series at rates established by the Council." To implement this provision, the Council has established an annual Publications Subscription which for 1983 is \$45.

Under this plan, the subscribing member will receive automatically all publications issued in the following series during 1983: *Numismatic Notes and Monographs*, *Numismatic Studies*, *Numismatic Literature*, and *Ancient Coins in North American Collections*.

In addition to *NL*, four books are scheduled for publication in these series during 1983: *The Coinage of the Lycian League* (ANSNM 162) by Hyla A. Troxell; *Alexander's Drachm Mints I: Sardes and Miletus* (ANSNS 16) by Margaret Thompson; *Coins of the Seleucid Empire from the Collection of Arthur Houghton* (ACNAC 1) by Arthur

Houghton; and *Early Greek Coins from the Collection of Jonathan P. Rosen* (ACNAC 5) by Nancy M. Waggoner.

NumLit Available Separately

As in the past, publications of the Society will be available for purchase individually. New works are announced in the *ANSNewsletter* as published. However, the practice of offering a prepublication discount to members has been discontinued, except for volumes in the Society's *Sylloge* series which are not included in the Publications Subscription offer. Subscriptions to the bibliography, *Numismatic Literature*, are \$8 per year, available directly from the Society or through the major subscription agencies.



ROBINSON VISITING SCHOLARSHIP TO CARTER

Candace Carter has been awarded the Robinson Visiting Scholarship to the Heberden Coin Room at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, for 1983. The announcement was made by D.M. Metcalf, Keeper of the Heberden Collection. Ms. Carter, a doctoral candidate at New York University, participated in the Society's 1982 Graduate Seminar in Numismatics, studying the Greek mint of Leucas, ca. 450-350 B.C.

The Robinson Visiting Scholarship, named in memory of the eminent Greek numismatist, Sir Edward Robinson, will permit Ms. Carter to continue her study of Leucas and in particular to examine the notes of the late Colin Kraay who did extensive research on this mint prior to his untimely death last January.

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Iacocca, Michael Lantz and Robert Weinman. Submissions of each artist were published in *Coin World* in October and a free medal was offered to any reader who could match up each entry with its creator. The only successful response came from prominent medallic expert N. Neil Harris. In this display, Mr. Jovine was represented by another of the three designs he submitted for the competition.

The rectangular shape of this medal makes it unusual among contemporary issues, but in the tradition of many plaquettes issued earlier this century, including some important medals of the ANS. The relief is being planned in such a way that the medal will sit flat on a table or desk, with the minter and coins visible. Extra care will be taken in the finishing of the piece to keep the relief of the coins in maximum clarity and to visually separate the high relief of the minter from the field of coins. Mr. Bass said "We believe this is a medal which will carry on the historic reputation of ANS medals for quality and beauty, earned by works of such sculptors as Victor D. Brenner, Daniel Chester French, Theodore Spicer-Simson and Laura Gardin Fraser."

Orders Accepted Now

The medal will be issued at the time of the celebration of the American Numismatic Society's 125th anniversary in September 1983. Measuring 3½ by 4¼ inches, the medal will be available in bronze and silver, numbered serially. The bronze medal is offered for \$30.00 plus \$4.25 for shipment by registered mail; it may be ordered now. The price

Seymour Addresses Fall Members Meeting



The Fall Members Meeting, held at the Society on October 9, was the occasion for a richly illustrated talk by Dexter Cole Seymour on the topic "U.S. Pioneer Gold—An Overview." Dr. Seymour who received his degree in chemistry from UCLA and is currently Technical Director of John Royle and Sons, serves as a volunteer consultant to the Society's curatorial and editorial departments on technical matters and has lectured in our Graduate Seminar Programs on methods of coin analysis.

Dr. Seymour's carefully researched biography of the early American private moneyer, Templeton Reid, appeared in the Society's journal, *Museum Notes*, in 1974 and, in a later article published in *Museum Notes* 22, he detailed the coinage output during the 12 weeks that

of the silver medals will depend on the price of bullion at time of issue; orders will be accepted now and prices quoted at production.

Reid operated his mint in 1830. These articles, noted Society President Harry Bass in introducing Dr. Seymour, "provide an enlightened example of numismatic methodology."

Prior to the talk, Mr. Bass reported on a number of matters of interest to the membership. He announced that the Society's Annual Giving goal of \$50,000 has been established for 1983 which, Mr. Bass noted, requires that all members give careful consideration to the financial needs of the Society.

He offered congratulations to Alan Stahl, ANS Associate Curator of Medieval Coins, on the publication of his book, *The Merovingian Coinage of the Region of Metz*, issued by the University of Louvain, Belgium, and directed attention to a special exhibit on view at the Society celebrating the centennial of Franklin Roosevelt's birth. The exhibit was conceived and mounted by Mr. Stahl.

Mr. Bass then introduced the proposed amendments to the Society's By-Laws, Articles I.7, II.2 and II.3, which were moved and adopted by vote of the Fellows present at the meeting.

LIBRARIAN LISTED

Society Librarian Francis D. Campbell is listed in the first edition of *Who's Who in Library and Information Services*, published by the American Library Association. Mr. Campbell, who received his MLS from Queens College, CUNY, in 1973, served as Assistant Librarian of the Society from 1966 to 1975 when he was appointed Librarian on the retirement of Geoffrey North.

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Please send me _____ bronze anniversary medals at \$34.25 each (\$30.00 for each medal plus \$4.25 for registered mail). Enclosed is my check for \$ _____.

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since 1978. A knowledgeable student of ancient coinages, he now concentrates his collecting interests primarily on Greek electrum coins. His specialized collection has been selected for publication by the Society in our series *Ancient Coins in North American Collections*. Society Greek Curator Nancy Waggoner has written the catalogue.

Michael Santamas of Larnaca, Cyprus, a member since 1975, is an attorney who has written extensively on his numismatic speciality, the coinage of Cyprus, including *The Victorian Coinage of Cyprus* published in 1978. He was the founding President of the Cyprus Numismatic Society in 1970 and continues as editor of their annual "Numismatic Report." He also serves as Contributing Editor for Cyprus to the ANS bibliography *NL*.

Benjamin, Harvey and Norman Stack are the principals of Stack's in New York. Members of the Society since 1969, they have individually and collectively served and advised the Society with unflagging willingness. Together they sponsor the Joseph B. and Morton M. Stack Memorial Lecture at the Spring Meeting of the ANS.

The Society is honored and pleased to add these individuals to the roll of fellows.

TWO LOANS VOTED BY COUNCIL

The Society's Council has voted a major loan of 23 ancient coins to the Tampa Museum in Florida. The selection comprising 22 Greek coins and 1 Roman coin, will be exhibited in the Egyptian, Greek and Roman Teaching Gallery of the museum through 1985.

Coins in Experiment

The Society has also agreed to send 15 minor Islamic glass weights to the Corning Museum of Glass for analysis by atomic absorption spectrophotometry. This experiment, conducted under the direction of Dr. Robert H. Brill of Corning's Scientific Research Department, is intended to test whether a sophisticated compositional analysis of glass weights that can be quite closely attributed by their inscriptional content, can help in the attribution of other Islamic glass objects such as bottles and bowls.

Annual Giving Goal Met for 1982

Annual Giving contributions totaled \$51,474 for the Society's fiscal year which ended September 30, 1982, exceeding handsomely the goal of \$50,000 set for the year. In all 397 members and friends of the Society contributed through Annual Giving, providing over \$6,000 more than in the previous year.

Annual Giving provides funds for general operations, helping to close the gap between our established sources of income and the increasing costs of operating our museum and library.

In addition to this core support, just under \$22,000 was made available through gifts and grants during the year to the general operating fund for special projects, including support for consultants and speakers, stipends for students doing research at the Society and equipment purchases.

Contributions and grants to the Society for restricted purposes amounted to \$176,038 in fiscal 1982, a substantial increase over the previous year, attributable in great part to a multi-year grant received to fund a curatorial assistant in the Greek and Roman departments as well as contributions received in support of the 125th anniversary celebrations. A full report

on this activity is forthcoming in the next *ANS Newsletter*.

1983 Annual Giving Goal

The Annual Giving goal for the year ending September 30, 1983 has been set at \$50,000 as last year—a goal which continues to require widespread membership participation to meet.

Society members have received a contribution request with their annual dues notice. Those who have not yet responded with a gift or a pledge are urged to include the Society in year end giving plans.

The Society's Council has designated the following donor categories for listing in our *Annual Report*: Sponsoring Donor (\$1,000 and above); Sustaining Donor (\$500-999); Contributing Donor (\$100-499); and Donor (under \$100). Contributions in any amount are most welcome.

ANS RECEIVES CHAPMAN MEMORABILIA

The heirs of Henry Chapman, renowned Philadelphia coin dealer of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, have presented to the Library an extraordinary gift of auction catalogues, account ledgers, and other Chapman memorabilia. Included in this generous donation are the original manuscript, galley proofs, page proofs, and bid book of the celebrated John Story Jenks collection sold by Henry Chapman in 1921. The catalogue of the Jenks collection, with its forty-two phototype plates, has been called Henry Chapman's "magnum opus."

Owing to this remarkable gift, the Library now possesses a unique example of the evolution of a classic American auction catalogue. As a group, Chapman auction catalogues mark a high level in the history of the American numismatic auction. The addition of this valuable source material to the Library greatly enriches an already outstanding auction collection.

On Display

Selections from the Chapman gift will be on display in the Society's west exhibition hall through March 30, 1983.

SMITHSONIAN FELLOWSHIPS

The Smithsonian Institution is accepting applications for their 1983-4 research training fellowships. Numismatic topics within the field of American History and Material Culture are eligible for consideration. Awards are available to pre- and postdoctoral fellows as well as to graduate students.

Applications, due January 15, 1983, may be solicited from the Office of Fellowships and Grants, 3300 L'Enfant Plaza, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., 20560.

OOPS

Bengt Hovén has written to correct two errors in the report on visitors to the ANS which appeared in the last *ANS Newsletter*. He is, of course, Curator of Islamic Coins at the Royal Coin Cabinet in Stockholm—not the Numismatic Institute as reported. Also 1969, not 1960, was the year he began working at the Cabinet.



CLEMY TO NEWMAN

Eric P. Newman, St. Louis businessman and a member of the Society's Council, received the "Clemmy" award of the Numismatic Literary Guild at its meeting on August 20 in Boston held in conjunction with the ANA convention. The Guild's award is presented annually for numismatic writing ability, sense of humor and dedication to the hobby.

Mr. Newman has contributed significantly to the body of knowledge on American numismatics through numerous articles and several important books, two of which have appeared in the Society's Numismatic Notes and Monographs series. In addition, he co-edited and contributed to the Society's 1976 Bicentennial volume, *Money in Early America*. In early 1981, the Mercantile Money Museum of St. Louis, housing significant portions of Mr. Newman's numismatic collection and library, opened.

1983 MEETING CALENDAR

The Society's Council has adopted the following calendar of meetings during 1983:

January 8 - Council meeting at 1:30; Annual Meeting of the Society at 3:00; Corporate Reorganization meeting following the Annual Meeting

March 4 - Finance Committee meeting at 11:00; Executive Committee meeting at 1:30

April 9 - Council meeting at 1:30; Spring Meeting of the Society at 3:00

July 14 - Finance Committee meeting at 3:00

July 15 - Council meeting at 2:00

October 8 - Finance Committee meeting at 11:00; Council meeting at 1:30; Fall Meeting of the Society at 3:00

ASSOCIATES ELECTED

Fifty-five Associates were elected at the October 9 meeting of the Society's Council including many who visited the Society's information booth at the ANA Convention in Boston.

Those elected are M. David Alderman, Garden City, New York; Saad Abdulaziz Al Rashid, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Nev E. Autrey, Tucson, Arizona; Allan Baldauf, Avon, Ohio; Norman William Bennett, Marlboro, Massachusetts; Irving R. Canter, Brooklyn, New York; Celin Ceylan, Munich, West Germany; Richard R. Casali, Clarkston, Washington; James E. Cornelius, Bronx, New York; Thomas Eden, London, England; and George E. Ewing, Jr., Dallas, Texas.

Also A. Fichman, Haifa, Israel; Ronald O. French, Belleville, New Jersey; Albert C. Flahive, Boston, Massachusetts; Richard C. Gittis, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mark Greco, Rocky Point, New York; Jerry B. Henson, Anniston, Alabama; R. J. Hubartt, Jr., Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Boyd F. Johnson, Nevada City, California; Peter M. Koninsky, Indian Harbour Beach, Florida; Edward B. Kalp, Marble Beach, Massachusetts; and Theodore S. Koch, Fairfax, Virginia.

Also Mark Lighterman, Miami, Florida; Ralph C. Langham, New Fairfield, Connecticut; Joseph Lapenta, Staten Island, New York; Sheree K. Lauby, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Richard K. Latimer, Federal Way, Washington; Francis A. Leesha, Gardner, Massachusetts; Robert M. Martin, Bronx, New York; Ralph W. Mathisen, Columbia, South Carolina; Gene C. Neel, Purchase, New York; Christopher E. Neuzil, Reston, Virginia; and the National Currency Collection, Ottawa, Canada.

Also Steven M. Pahle, Rigaud, Canada; William S. Panitch, Albany, New York; David Brent Pogue, Dallas, Texas; John A. Rdzak, Vernon Hills, Illinois; Carl Rosenblum, West Orange, New Jersey; William Stern, Scarsdale, New York; Eckart Scholsser, Giessen, West Germany; Diane Schauer, West Allis, Wisconsin; Glenn Schinke, Rosemead, California; Robert B. Slobins, Newton, Massachusetts; and Benjamin R. Schilling, Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Also David E. Tripp, Towson, Maryland; Che Lu Tsent, Winamac, Indiana; Edward F. Tyber, Brooklyn, New York; John H. Upton, Western Springs, Illinois; Richard L. Walker, Lexington,

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INC BROCHURE

A new brochure describing the purposes and activities of the International Numismatic Commission was delivered to the governing Bureau by Michael Bates at the May meeting of the Bureau in Budapest. The text was a result of collaboration between Bates and other commission members, and the ANS editorial department set the type and did the lay out work.

The brochure is an element in the INC drive for increased membership, especially in non-European countries not hitherto represented on the Commission. Membership is open only to institutions such as museums, societies, mints, and research centers. Any interested person can request a copy of the brochure, either from the INC Secretary, Professor Kolbjørn Skaare, Universitetets Myntkabinett, Frederiks Gate 2, Oslo 1, Norway, or from any member of the Bureau.



Mrs. Wafaa Elwerdani with Society Islamic Curator, Michael I. Bates

EGYPTIAN VISITOR

Mrs. Wafaa Elwerdani, Curator of Coins at the Museum of Islamic Art, Cairo, visited the ANS for two days in December. A donation from Mr. Samir Shamma of Jeddah enabled the Society to provide funding for her stay in New York.

Mrs. Wafaa, who took over her position at the Museum of Islamic Art in January 1982, examined the Society's methods of coin registration, storage, and arrangement for possible application in Cairo. She also studied the ANS holdings of Fatimid coins from the Maghrib.

Calendar

December

- 10-12 ANS Information Booth open at New York International Numismatic Convention, Sheraton Centre Hotel, New York
- 24-25 Society Closed - Christmas holiday
- 27-30 Archaeological Institute of America meeting, Philadelphia
- 27-30 American Historical Association meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 31-1 Society closed - New Year's Holiday

January

- 8 Council meeting, 1:30
Annual Meeting of the Society, 3:00

February

- 12 Society closed - Lincoln's Birthday

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- 1 Application deadline for ANS Graduate Seminar and Graduate Fellowship awards
- 4 Finance Committee meeting, 11:00
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(Associates Elected, continued from page 5)

North Carolina; Sammy L. Whipple, Mount Vernon, Indiana; Paul R. Whitham, Shreveport, Louisiana; John Wiencek, North Olmstead, Ohio; Fred D. Ward, Dallas, Texas; Thomas Zappia, North Bergen, New Jersey; and Serge Zaidman, Paris, France.

Reinstatements

In addition to the election of new members, the Council voted to reinstate three former Associates: Olaf P. Bergelin, Cape Coral, Florida; Joseph F. Keane, Hyde Park, Massachusetts; and the University of Western Ontario, London, Canada.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Society's Nominating Committee for Council Members, comprising Harry W. Bass, Jr., chairman, Alan B. Coleman and John D. Leggett, Jr., reported to the Council at its October 9 meeting. The three present members whose terms expire January 1983, Arthur Houghton, Samuel R. Milbank and Eric P. Newman, will be nominated for additional five-year terms at the forthcoming Annual Meeting.

According to the Society's Constitution (Article VI.3), additional nominations require the signatures of a total of 10 fellows and must be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 15 days before the Annual Meeting.



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